Mr. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The House will now rise and meet again at 6 p.m. 5 50 p.m.

The House then adjourned.

(The House re-assembled at 6 p.m.)

(Deputy Chairman in the Chair.)

IV.—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The next item on the Agenda to-day is the election of the Chairman under Article 182 of the Constitution of India. Nominations for this Office have already taken place.

Under rule 12 (4) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, I have first to read out to the House the names of Members who have been duly nominated together with those of their proposers and seconders. They are :

Serial number and name of Candidates.	*Name of the proposer.*	*Name of the seconder.*
(1)	(2)	(3)
1. Sri M. A. Manickkavelu Naicker.	Sri R. Venkataraman	Sri K. Rajaram.
2. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker.	Sri N. R. Thyagarajan.	Sri A. Sambasiva Reddiar.

As only one Member has been validly nominated for election. namely, Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker, I declare him duly elected as Chairman, Madras Legislative Council. (Cheers).

It only remains for me to tender to the Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker my sincere congratulations on his election and I call upon him to occupy the Chairman's Chair. When the Hon. the Chairman goes to occupy the Chair, I request all hon. Members to stand up and resume their seats only after the Chairman has taken his seat. After he takes his Chair, congratulatory speeches will be made. Now, I request the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition to conduct Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker to the Chair.

(Then, the Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker was conducted to the Chair by the Hon. Sri R. Venkataraman and Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar and he occupied the Chair amidst cheers.)

V.—CONGRATULATORY SPEECHES ON THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : Now I call upon the Leader of the House to speak.

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman allow me to offer the felicitations of this House on your unanimous election as Chairman of this august body. You are no stranger